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A Few Characteristics of Lincoln

ABRAM Lincoln possessed a character excellent in all its phases. One of his noble characteristics was his intelligence which was exemplified in almost every one of his utterances. Two admirably written documents are fine specimens of his literary work. First the proclamation calling for troops to defend the Union, which contained the best statements of the points in dispute. Second: The great Gettysburg speech which communicated so great a spirit of reunion and reconstruction to the nation. His great "House divided against itself" speech which brought him into national prominence is another fair example of his intellect.

From his character we get evidence of his great reverence for God. From childhood unto death he was a careful observer of the laws of God. This observance grew out of the love he had for the Divine Master. In the early years of his life he spent many hours in the evenings studying the Bible and Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress. In the latter years of his life he lived with the same faith in the guidance and protection of the Almighty God. He died with the same trust.

Lincoln was as brave as he was Godly. His intrepidity was unmeasurable. No matter how large or great the situation was when he took hold of it, he handled it so that soon it had lost its great proportions in the grip of his strong hand. When he was inaugurated President no greater difficulty, or problem had ever faced the country than

the one which then existed. The fearlessness with which he undertook to preserve the Union has left to us a Union one and inseparable.

Another of his characteristics was his moral influence on the minds of others. When he came to Washington to be inaugurated he came in the night because the feeling among many was very bitter against him. But in the morning before he had finished



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his inaugural address the feeling of opposition had given place to one of support of the noble ideas he had put forth in his speech.

One of his strong characteristics was his ingenuousness. He dealt openly with everyone. In his inaugural address he gave his candid view on every subject agitating the minds of the people at that time. He declared in his inaugural address that he took the oath of office with no mental reservation. On the question of secession he declared to the seceding states, "You have no oath to

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Day of Prayer for Colleges at Howard

ON last Thursday, February eighth, the Day of Prayer for Colleges was observed by the University. The services were begun at 10:45 a. m., with an interesting and inspiring sermon by the Rev. Dr. Gray of the Hamline M. E. Church. Dr. Gray took his text from St. Mark V. and hinged his discourse on the picture of the man with the unclean spirit. In a plain, practical, forceful way the speaker pictured this man in his wretched, low state coming out from among the tombs, gashed and bruised, a pitiful piece of semi-humanity contrasted with the self-same man, cheerful and spiritual after he had met Jesus and after the unclean spirit had been driven out of him.

From this text, the speaker made an application to every day life, showing what a change the entrance of Jesus into the heart will work upon any and every individual. The speech was pregnant with illustrations drawn from Dr. Gray's own wealth of experience, which served to make the discourse all the more forcible.

This plain, heart to heart expounding of the fifth chapter of Mark had its effect on the student body; 300 or more persons, among them a large number of Upper Classmen, and many of our best athletes, made a decision or renewed their intentions to live the Christ life. This day was truly a history making one in the life of the University. Before this time we have had possibly almost as many confessions or renewals of faith with more

persuasion, but not in many years have we had such gratifying results without the usual soliciting. The decisions were made in the students own mature judgments influenced by a thoughtful, inspired address setting forth a bare truth.

The services were continued during the afternoon in Miner Hall and the Library Hall by the Y. W. C. A. and Dr. O'Connell respectively. The testimonials of faith, praise and thanksgiving coming from the hearts of the various students, some of whom formerly it seemed were impossible of being moved, to say the least, were very encouraging. The reflections of the meetings on the Day of Prayer for Colleges are seen in every prayer meeting in the dormitories, under the auspices of the Christian Associations. Such a day will linger long in the minds of even the least concerned.

Funeral of Catherine Moore

God hath his mysteries of Grace
Ways that we cannot tell;
He hides them deep, like the secret sleep
Of Him he loved so well.

—Mrs. C. P. Alexander

On January the twenty-fifth at two o'clock the friends of the deceased and students of the University paused in their regular daily routine to pay a last tribute to one whose life among us had been helpful, simple and beautiful.

The services were presided over by Dr. Thirkield who read the burial services. He was assisted by the Reverend Doctors O'Connell and Clair. The Uni-

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versity quartet sang as an opening hymn "Asleep in Jesus." Dr. Thirkield in a general way outlined Miss Moore's short stay here; and was followed by Miss Alta Scott who sang so expressively "Hold Thou My Hand Dear Lord." Prof. George Cook, Miss Moore's dean, spoke of our departed friend's life in particular, reminding us again of her child-like, simple, and beautiful disposition. The services were concluded by the singing of Tennyson's "Crossing The Bar." The students of the Commercial College followed by the students in general formed an aisle and the young men waited with uncovered heads to pay a parting respect to one who had made a definite contribution to the student life here. The passing of Catherine Moore is a distinct loss to all who knew her.

A Resolution

Howard University,
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Whereas it has pleased Almighty God in his wise providence to take away from our midst our loyal friend and classmate, Catherine Moore, and,

Whereas, we the members of the class of 1911 of the Commercial College deeply feel in the death of Miss Moore the loss of a beloved friend and classmate,

Therefore, be it resolved:

First, that we recognize the fact that we have lost a most genial friend and classmate whose lofty ideals were actuated by an impulse of good.

Second, that we extend to the relatives of our classmate our deepest sympathy in their hour of afflictions

Third, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of our friend and that another be sent to the University JOURNAL.

Done at Howard University in the behalf of the class of Nineteen hundred and Twelve this the 6th, day of February Nineteen hundred and Twelve.

Signed:

A. W. Eazelle, Chr.
Ira Williams

Dr. Brooks at the Y. M. C. A.

Dr. Walter H. Brooks, pastor of Nineteenth St. Baptist Church addressed the young men of the Y. M. C. A. Sunday afternoon. Since he had been with us on the day of prayer his talk was right in line with the spirit of that occasion. His talk was short and pointed, and full of religious enthusiasm. The keynote of his address was struck in the parable of Christ in which he likened the kingdom of Heaven unto leaven put into a measure of meal. The vast difference between the real Christian and the normal Christian, said Dr. Brooks, is that the real Christian has that force which God likened unto Heaven, which force is needed as a regenerator in the life of every man. Dr. Brooks said very appropriately, talking to a body of College students destined to become future Negro leaders: "This race of ours needs one thing—the grace of God to transform it." All who heard this address came away greatly edified.

Greek Department Receives Lexicon

The department of Greek is in receipt of a valuable Greek lexicon, the gift of Prof. Little, the head of the Greek department. The lexicon is very copious and forms an invaluable asset to the department. Accompanying the lexicon is an artistic stand which lends great aid in handling. All are grateful to Prof. Little for his gift.

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Howard Varsity Defeats the New Jersey Champions

Last Saturday night the Howard Varsity Basket Ball Team ran away with the Mozart Athletic Club, the Champions of New Jersey in a one sided contest by the score 67-6. Not once during the game did the Mozart boys have a look-in. They were completely dazed by the speed and the team work of the college boys, whose passing and shooting of the ball were the most sensational that have been seen in these parts. The Jersey City boys appeared to have a good team but they were simply out classed and made to look foolish by the clock-like work of their opponents. Very seldom did the visitors have the ball, but stood like five stone men who had been hypnotized by their opponents. They managed to wake up enough during the game to throw two goals and two goals from fouls. On the other hand, the Howard boys were all over the Hall, and Captain Oliver, Nixon, Gilmore, Sykes and Gray were throwing goals almost at will.

All the second string men came into the game in the second half, and they continued to pile up the goals until the score-board showed 67 for the college boys and 6 for the Mozarts.

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to his name. Why all this veneration? Lincoln intuitively promoted justice and instinctively struck down injustice. There is indeed a need of a Lincoln today; for justice to the Negro in this country is the exception and injustice is the rule.

Think of people who are both legally and naturally a part of a government and yet denied the privilege of acting as a part of that government. Think of the fact that under the banner of a Christian nation and often in the name of the Christian religion, men are deprived of their rights and not even allowed to peep in at the management of their own government. Think of men winning their way to the sacred seats

of governorship and even rising to the venerable Senate of the United States, chiefly through their reputation for arraignment of the Negro or for hatred of mankind. Think of an executive, sitting where the justice loving Lincoln once sat, and in the height of the world declaring that American citizens are ill-treated and unjustly discriminated against abroad and yet uses not one breath of courage in demanding that the millions of American citizens at home be given fair treatment or no longer mobbed, slaughtered and burned.

This is the situation in fair America. Herein lies the need of an Abraham Lincoln, who, out of true love for justice and bitter hatred for injustice, shall rise up and, with indomitable courage, hit hard this cruel, unjust and damnable institution of prejudice, of unfairness and of evil. The need is certainly great and a Hand is ready to crown the victor.

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Friday, February 16, 1912

EDITORIALS

¶ The fellows are looking forward with great pleasure to the opening of their new parlor on the first day of April.

¶ "Minerva: Jahrbuch der gelehrten Welt," published annually in Strassburg, Germany, lists the most important educational institutions, libraries, and learned societies in the world, including in the case of colleges and universities, registration, budget, faculty, and often other pertinent information. It is exceedingly valuable not only for general reference, but also for bibliographical purposes, as the faculty and membership lists are revised by the institutions themselves for

each issue and the index contains approximately 40,000 names of scholars, teachers, and librarians. Inclusion is equivalent to international recognition, and Howard University is this year represented for the first time, the names mentioned being those of the President, the Deans, the Acting Director of the School of Manual Arts and Applied Sciences, and the Librarian.

The University is indebted to Professor Alfred F. W. Schmidt for its listing for the first time in its history in one of the great publications of the world. It is only another evidence of the broad and generous interest that Prof. Schmidt has shown in all that relates to the strengthening of Howard. He entertains the hope that next year the entire faculty list will be printed.

¶ Unusual spirit marked the one hundred third anniversary of the birthday of Abraham Lincoln this week. All the members of the Taft administration, Senators, Representatives, and other potentates lauded Lincoln throughout the country as the man of men. Not a word of praise spoken during the anniversary can add one iota of fame to the glory of Abraham Lincoln.

The memory of him is deep-seated in the heart of every patriotic citizen of the world. His plain and simple life, his conscientious regard for his fellowman, his infinite sympathy, his virtue and incorruptibility, above all, his sense of duty and strong patriotism, loom larger and larger in the course of human events as time brings us nearer and nearer to our destiny.

To-day more men of the Lincoln type are needed. Men whose characters remain as inspirations not only for every citizen but for every one intrusted with the responsibilities of official power. To-day the official power is too much abused, for the lack of a sense of duty, of fearlessness, and for lack of the courage of

fifty years ago, now so dormant.

¶ With the passing of the week of prayer for colleges, the appreciation of morality as an asset dawns better still upon some of us. Yet some are still handling things with their same misinterpretations of the meaning of morality. A clear cut character, with the strong facets of morality, will truly print the conceptions of a man. The real men, whose character has left its lasting mark upon the pages of history, were men who wear "type-high," men who measured up to their responsibilities.

The greatest men, speaking from the standpoint of their evolutionary efficiency, are not the soldiers, the men of the brave and the camp; not the Kings, the men of court and council; not those who wait for Time to bring them another chance; the molders of the world have been the thinkers; not the idle dreamers, but the thinkers who had strength to cleave out ideas and fortitude to hold them.

Socrates, Plato, Luther, Erasmus, Confucius, Mahomet, St. Paul, Lincoln—a group of men as great as humanity ever attained—were all moral men; their great achievement lay in the building of a deathless structure of idealism, a tower far higher than Babel and far stronger than Gibraltar. To such men does the world owe its

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Alpha Phi Social

On Saturday evening, February 3rd, the Alpha Phi Literary Society met in its annual reception in the assembly room in Miner Hall. No better time could have been selected. The week's examinations were just ended and each one needed something to revive his social nature. There were about seventy members present, representing the School of Liberal Arts, the Law and Medical schools. Music was furnished by the Lyric Orchestra. Mr. Edward Chandler presided.

The program for the evening consisted of a short speech by the president, Mr. E. C. Terry, a recitation by Mr. Louis Howard and several choice selections by the orchestra. Several other pieces were on the program for the occasion but the participants failed to make their appearance.

The program was short but enjoyable. When the last number was rendered the society was turned into a social gathering. The girls, out-numbered by the boys three to two, were soon surrounded and the fun began. But this did not last long for it was soon announced that things had

been made ready in the dining room and soon all faces were turned in that direction.

The repast was a delightful one and immensely enjoyed by all present. Several after dinner speeches were made on the occasion and every phase of modern oratory was displayed at its best. There was only one thing which acts as discredit to the grand affair, many of the young women were compelled to entertain from two to four young men and some of the young men were not entertained at all. Let us hope that the young women of the School of Liberal Arts who were not present on this occasion, will not let themselves be held accountable for the same again.

P. B. L. '13

As Others See Us

The following excerpt was furnished the Christian Advocate of New York, one of the leading religious journals of the nation, and is interesting as showing the view of the Washington correspondent as to the character and spirit of Howard University:

"The Christmas season was celebrated, as usual in the Washington churches, with special services, special sermons, Sunday School entertainments and the intermittent distribution of charity, after the fashion of many years. It remained, however, for the students of Howard University to bring to the season the most fitting observance. The Choral Society sang 'The Messiah' twice during the holidays to large audiences and on Christmas Eve, after singing in the wards of Freedmen's Hospital, some fifty of the students went through the alleys of the city, singing the Christmas carols to the neglected poor, from eleven o'clock at night until three o'clock the following morning. It is worth reporting also that with over 1,100 male students during the season when violations of discipline are usually most frequent,

not a single case of deportment rose to be considered by the University faculty, a standard of conduct hardly expected heretofore from the most dignified of our white colleges.

"The University continues its prosperity under President Thirkield. Both of the new science buildings, the Science Hall and the Hall of Applied Sciences, are now in use, with some seven hundred students taking laboratory courses in physics, biology, and chemistry, the largest number ever so engaged in the history of the race."

Alumni Notes

Bulletin Number 3

Afue McDowell, (Law '11), left Washington this week for his home in Los Angeles, California, where he will take up the practice of the Law. Since shortly after the graduation, Mr. McDowell, who is a member of the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia, has practiced his profession in Washington. During this period he has made a fine record, but believing that the live, hustling western city offers a larger field. Mr. McDowell has decided to take up the work there. As a member of the Senior Class, Law Department, Mr. McDowell won the Upper Classmen's Gold Medal for excellence in Constitutional Law.

President J. M. Gregory, (Col. '72), of Bordentown, N. J., is planning a great "get together" meet-

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ing of the Alumni of Howard in New York and New Jersey. An invitation has been extended to President Holmes and the Secre. of the General Alumni Association to be present at this meeting which will be held in the early Spring. It is hoped that a way may be found whereby one, perhaps both, of these officers may be with President Gregory at the forthcoming meeting.

Ulysses L. Houston, (Prep. '99) late President of the Council of Upper Classmen, has withdrawn from Howard University and is now a matriculate at one of the Western medical colleges. To the Alumni, students and friends of the University who have known Mr. Houston so well all these years this will be distinct cause for regret. As Corresponding Secretary of the Council of Upper Classmen, Mr. Houston came in contact with Alumni all over the United States and with many other persons in all parts the world including Africa and the islands of the sea. The success with which this correspondence was carried on by Mr. Houston brought added fame to the Council of Upper Classmen and Howard University, a record which was being sustained by Mr. Houston as the Council's President. The Alumni of Howard University, though loyal to the Alma Mater, for all that cannot fail to deplore the existence in the University of such conditions as have forced Mr. Houston to withdraw after having reached the middle of the Senior year and with the coveted prize of the graduation literally within

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Daniel W. Bowles, Esq., (Col. '08, Law '11) will soon leave Columbus, Ohio, where he has resided since the graduation, to take up the practice of his profession in St. Louis, Mo. Mr. Bowles made a record while in Howard University by displaying high scholastic accomplishment combined with rare affability. This was evidenced by the fact that he was known far and wide as Dan Bowles, the good fellow, liked by everybody. Mr. Bowles is certain to rise in his chosen profession, but regardless of the heights he may reach it is doubtful if the alumni will ever recognize him as anything more than "fine old Dan Bowles"—and the best of it all is that Mr. Bowles will not object to the appellation.

Reginald Lynch (Col. '09) is soon to receive the degree of Master of Arts from the International College of Languages for work done in French. He is at present located at St. Augustine's School, Raleigh, N. C.

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Medical Notes

The majority of the members of the class of '11 have passed the various state Boards.

Dr. W. J. Barkley, class '11, passed the Maryland State Board at its last meeting with a very creditable mark.

Drs. W. W. Gittens and G. T. Bynoe passed the Pennsylvania Board at its last meeting. The doctors are now located at York, Pa.

Dr. Eugene Allen, Dental '11 and ex-captain of the football team, passed the Pennsylvania State Board. Out of twenty-five applicants only eleven passed. Congratulations to Dr. "Gene."

House Warming

The young ladies of the College of Arts and Sciences held an informal "House Warming" in their newly fitted rest room on the third floor, Main Building Saturday, January 27th, 1912. The cultivation of the aesthetic and artistic in our main building has experienced a "new birth," the christening of which took place January 27th. Here the young ladies plan to bring all those delicate touches that bespeak culture upon it; they intend to expend their enthusiastic effort. It is always difficult for those who live in the city and those who live on the hill to have that contact and intimacy that fosters college spirit and leads to broader interest. We have found now in our rest room a solution of this problem, a common meeting place free from the formality of the class room, where all interests will be merged into one.

Dean Miller gave a short talk on "Esprit de corps" and left us under the benign influence of Miss E. A. Cook, who by her good advice, encouraged and directed us. The rest of the time was spent in an informal social among the members who decided that their meetings should be held fortnightly and should be of a social and an academic nature.

M. P. '14.

We Will Get Our Gymnasium

It has been definitely decided that, if all loyal Howardites and friends of this University do their duty and send a contribution to the President of the General Alumni Association of Howard toward the Gymnasium fund, our Gymnasium will soon grace the Campus. Be loyal. Rally!

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Alumnus Secures Important Ruling

That the application of the criminal law—with particular reference to the law relating to common carriers, such as steamboat companies, railroads, etc.—does not vitiate the authority of the Public Service Commission in instances of alleged violations of the law, was the opinion of William Cabell Bruce, general counsel for the commission handed down this week. The opinion was the outcome of a complaint made to the Public Service Commission of Maryland by W. Ashbie Hawkins, colored, of Baltimore, against the Baltimore, Chesapeake and Atlantic Railway. The law requires that, as far as possible, whites and Negroes be separated on railroads and passenger boats, but that it is in violation of the law to make any discrimination in the separation. That is, the accommodation for the Negro shall not be of a lesser quality than those for the whites and vice versa. Hawkins complained that the staterooms for Negroes on the B. C. & A. boats were much inferior to those for white people, and the B. C. & A. counsel contended that it was, according to law, a misdemeanor to violate,

punishable by a fine, and therefore a criminal case if there is any case. Mr. Bruce's opinion holds that the commission has power to take corrective steps in such cases, and advises that, should Hawkins' charges be sustained by the evidence, an order for the correction of the matter complained of should be enforced either by mandamus or injunction.

News Notes

Dean Miller addressed an educational meeting in Baltimore last week. The meeting was held under the auspices of the schools of South Baltimore.

On Monday, in celebration of the anniversary of the birth of Lincoln, two members from the class in Public Speaking, Mr. J. R. Johnson and Miss Myra L. Davis read respectively the "Gettysburg Address" and the "Second Inaugural" of Abraham Lincoln.

Tuesday at noon the student body was addressed by Rev. Robert Jones and Rev. Alfred Smith. The former is the efficient editor of the Southwestern Christian Advocate. The latter is engaged in New York City in the ministerial field. Both discourses were well received.

Mrs. George W. Cook favored us in chapel Tuesday and Wednesday of last week in celebration of the centenary of Dickens with two readings from his well known works. Tuesday, Mrs. Cook read "The Death of Little Nell," from "The Old Curiosity Shop," bringing out the pathos of Dickens. Wednesday she read "The Beating of the Schoolmaster," taken from Nicholas Nickleby, bringing out the humor of Dickens.

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Jackson has decided not to abandon his Southern "forest" for interests in New York.

After having denied himself of a girl for four years the official photographer is now in the "line up."

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Mr. Louis Howard has quit work in order to devote more time to society. He is hopelessly fascinated by Miss V. E. J. and O. Mc.

Hightower waited in a blocked street car at Ninth and F streets all the afternoon. Evidently he did not know that the Seventh streetline came out near Howard.

Copeland:—"Give me a copy of Plato's Poems.

Librarian:—"Which one do you wish Mr. Copeland?"

Copeland:—"O! the latest edition will do."

A Few Characteristics of Lincoln

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destroy, but I have a solemn oath in heaven to protect and preserve the Union." His attitude on the question was set and very clear.

Finally, but not least of his characteristics was his integrity. When he was but a boy he gained the sobriquet of "Honest Abe." One evening he unconsciously gave a woman four ounces of tea instead of six ounces. Immediately upon detecting the mistake he traveled many miles before breakfast to deliver the two ounces of tea. A debt of seventeen dollars was due the Government from the post office at which Lincoln had been clerk. Long after

the office had been abolished, Lincoln remembered the funds and immediately turned them over to the Government.

Standing as a glowing light embodying all that is noble, and just, and Godly in character, Abraham Lincoln is one of a type of men that men may follow with impunity. W. E. T., '14

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The Demorest Club of the Young Peoples' Branch of the W. C. T. U. will give its annual Silver Medal Contest in March about the 15th. Two medals will be given. Mrs. George W. Cook, Superintendent of Medal Contest for the District, and an elocutionist of ability and fame, will train the contestants. After six silver medals have been won the club will be eligible to contest for the gold and diamond medals respectively. It is hoped that a large number will enter the contest. For particulars consult Miss Lottie Gatewood or M. P. Hayling.

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